



COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

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Mr. Vito Cannella
Ms. Rita Hall
Mr. John A. Hammargren
Mr. Carl E. Moore

MINUTES OF THE **SYBIL BRAND COMMISSION FOR INSTITUTIONAL INSPECTIONS** **REGULAR WEEKLY MEETING** **NOVEMBER 12, 2008**

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Montañó called the meeting to order at 10:06 a.m.

OPENING CEREMONIES

Chair Montañó led the Pledge of Allegiance followed by a moment of silence.

ATTENDANCE

Present

Chair Eleanor R. Montañó
Frank Bacio
Barbara Bigby
Rita Hall
John A. Hammargren
Carl E. Moore

Excused Absence

Vito Cannella

Guest

Commander Margaret Wagner, Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department

Staff

Rhonda Rangel, Commission Services Staff
Garen Khachian, Commission Services Staff

Commissioner Bigby joined the meeting at 10:12 a.m.

APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER 5, 2008, MEETING MINUTES

On motion of Commissioner Hammargren, seconded by Vice Chair Bacio, and unanimously carried, the minutes of November 5, 2008, were approved with no changes.

CHAIR'S REPORT

Chair Montaña reported on one (1) news article:

- "Lacking Sight, But Not Spirit", Los Angeles Times, November 9, 2008, regarding Army Sergeant Major Jesse Acosta who lost his sight in a mortar attack in Iraq. He is attending computer classes at the Junior Blind of America Center in Windsor and is determined to rebuild his career and not be a burden to his wife and four children.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Commissioner Bacio reported that the current balance of the Commission's Charitable Fund is \$1,017.83.

Commissioner Moore joined the meeting at 10:13 a.m.

CORRESPONDENCE/AUDIT REPORT

A thank you letter was received from the Honorable Sheriff Leroy Baca regarding the Lomita Sheriff's Station.

Commissioner Hall joined the meeting at 10:16 a.m.

FACILITY/GROUP HOME INSPECTION REPORTS FROM NOVEMBER 5, 2008, TO NOVEMBER 11, 2008

San Gabriel Children's Center (Nearfield) – 53, #1 – Commissioner Bigby

The facility was visited on November 6, 2008, and no one was home.

Mozell Pennington Boys Center (Mozell) – 39, #3 – Commissioners Bacio and Moore

The facility was visited on November 6, 2008, and found to be in satisfactory condition.

Areas of Concern: Bedrooms and hallways need to be repainted; first aid kit needs to be restocked; fire extinguishers need to be recharged; keys need to be accessible to staff members.

H. Randolph Moore CDS – Commissioner Bacio

The facility was visited on November 10, 2008, and found to be in satisfactory condition.

Altadena Sheriff Station – Commissioners Bigby and Hall

The facility was visited on November 10, 2008, and the trustee quarters were found to be in satisfactory condition. The station no longer houses inmates.

South Bay Bright Future Youth Center #2 – 54, #5 – Commissioner Montaña

The facility was visited on November 10, 2008, and found to be in satisfactory condition.

Area of Concern: Fire extinguisher needs to be recharged and tagged.

NEW BUSINESS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

There was none

MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA (To be presented and placed on a future agenda)

There was none.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Commander Wagner from the Sheriff's Department introduced herself and informed the Commission that she will be attending the Sybil Brand Commission's Business meetings.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Chair Montaña adjourned the meeting at 10:48 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rhonda Rangel
Commission Services Division